GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the C & AG Report has pointed out that out of 75884 primary schools in 15 States and UTs, 6647 schools in 7 States were without any teacher, and that the teacher- pupil ratio was as high as 1:80 in some States;

(b) If so, the reasons therefore;

(c) The current teacher-pupil ratio at the National level and State-wise; and

(d) The measures taken by the Government to recruit more teachers to redress these issues?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO 414 FOR 22.04.2008 ASKED BY SHRI AJIT JOGI AND SHRI G.M. SIDDESWARA TEACHER-STUDENT RATIO.

(a) to (d) The Performance Audit of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) which covered the period from 2001-02 to 2004-05 reported 75844 schools with one teacher in 15 States/UTs and 6647 schools without teachers in 7 States and Pupil-Teacher Ratio(PTR) as high as 1:130 in some States. The schools with no teachers are largely new schools opened where in there is a time lag between notification of new schools and recruitment of new teachers.

The PTR at national level as per District Information System for Education (DISE) data 2006-2007 is 1:34 at elementary level. The State-wise details are annexed.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan 11.30 lakhs teachers have been sanctioned upto 2007-08 to improve Pupil-Teacher Ratio.